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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with PFIAB on 4 & 5 October 1973

1. At the PFIAB's discussion with the President on 4 October, Admiral Anderson recounted that the Board's relationships with the different intelligence agencies are good and that it gets a good response from them. Admiral Anderson made the point that the DCI must have direct access to the President on important matters. He extended this to refer to gaps in intelligence stemming from inadequate awareness in the community of the content of the President's and Secretary Kissinger's contacts with foreign leaders in the past. He urged that the DCI be informed of this. He also stated that the Board wants to review its own channels of communications to the President and make sure that these would be correct in the future.

2. The President replied that the basic channel would continue to be Dr. Kissinger, but if he was not available for any reason or other, that General Scowcroft had his full confidence. He added that the Board could also go through DCI Colby and that Colby had only to ask to have access to him at any time.

3. Admiral Anderson also referred to the NSCIC and recommended that, in view of Dr. Kissinger's heavy schedule, the DCI be named its Vice Chairman. The President waved his hand and responded that it was done.

4. At a follow-up discussion with the PFIAB the next day, Admiral Anderson stressed the importance that the DCI at least, and such elements of the intelligence community as necessary, be made privy to some of the President's and Secretary Kissinger's private dealings as they affect intelligence assessments. I replied that Secretary Kissinger had just started a system of periodic meetings with Secretary Schlesinger, Admiral Moorer and me, which we all welcomed as a way of keeping us all informed on the major problems. I said that we had only had one meeting and that in it Secretary Kissinger had indicated every willingness to share these delicate matters with me. I suggested that the matter be suspended until the next PFIAB meeting, at which point I would report on how the activity is progressing.

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5. Admiral Anderson at this later PFIAB meeting also mentioned publicity about possible termination of INR in the Department of State. He urged that this be a subject of discussion between me and Secretary Kissinger. I stated that Secretary Kissinger had raised this possibility with me some time ago and that I had taken three positions. The first was that a senior State Department officer should participate in the intelligence process in order to bring into it the potential contribution from the State Bureaus and Missions abroad. The second was that I thought it essential to have a coordination center in the Department of State to handle delicate intelligence-related matters. The third point was that analyst support to the Department could be handled either by a State analyst's center like INR or by tasking CIA. I said that the choice as to the last I had left to the Secretary.

6. Dr. Foster, in the discussion at the PFIAB, raised the rather interesting point that he had noted over the past year or two a slight change in the tone of National Estimates. After some querying, it developed that he had the feeling that they displayed some tendency to support a policy line. I stated that I am resolved that the intelligence function be independent and objective and that Dr. Kissinger had urged this on me in my first meeting with him. I said we are very conscious of this danger and would devote ourselves to eliminating it.

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